

## "MISSIONAL" IS OUR MOTTO!

HUMBER VALLEY UNITED STRIVES TO WORK FOR AND WITH THE COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES SHARING, EMBRACING, CARING, TEACHING, LOVING, SUPPORTING, AND WELCOMING. IN OUR REPORT, YOU WILL SEE MANY EXAMPLES OF THIS MISSION IN ACTION.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:24

Let no one seek their own good, but that of their neighbour.

Deborah Turnbull, as some would describe her, the "CEO" of HVUC, received the "Exceptional Volunteer Award" for service to the community.

**Luke 3:10-11** And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."



#### **Romans 1:12**

...that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

#### Hebrews 10:24-25

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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## **Coordinating Minister's Report**

The Rev. Mark Winger



"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25

At the centre of John's gospel, we read of the miracle of the raising of Lazarus. When we read this story, we either have to believe that the other three gospel writers somehow neglected to mention this momentous event in *their* chronicles of the life of Jesus, (that would be miraculous enough wouldn't it?), or we have to believe in this story on a more metaphorical level. Taken in the latter context, we soon begin to see that the story has great relevance for the life of the believer, and indeed, the church in every age.

Do we believe that the Christ has the power to transform the church in every age? Do we believe that the Christ has the desire to heal the church in every age? Do we believe that new life comes out of death? Quite simply... do we believe in resurrection?

The Annual Report is a testimony to the life of our congregation over the course of a year, and in the particular small corner of the world that we have been called to serve. But it is also an unequivocal answer to the question that lies at the heart of the gospel text... "Yes, we do believe that Christ is the resurrection and the life!" There is no other way that the church could accomplish what it does... no other way it would make the sacrifices it does... no other way it could find such rich meaning and purpose as it does... no other way we know how to live.

As you can see from the report, Humber Valley United is a place where so much new life in Christ is being celebrated every day. Thanks for being a part of that story!

Yours in Christ, Rev. Mark Winger

## **Clerk of Session Report**Joanne Stenerson

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:34-35 (NRSV)



What a great privilege it has been for me to serve as Clerk of Session for 2016. Humber Valley United never fails to inspire me through its faithful members and the amount of energy and enthusiasm brought to our many undertakings. One of the things I enjoy most is meeting and talking with many of you on Sundays. I hear new ideas and learn what is important to the congregation.

The Elders are an outstanding team. They continually strive to serve the congregation the best they can and they also provide important leadership in our Church. They are church community builders and lay spiritual leaders. They serve communion, communicate between staff and the congregation and, working in partnership with the Pastoral Care Team, are often the "first responders" to congregants in need.

Serving the congregation is a great privilege. If you feel called to this important Ministry please get in touch with me or any of the other Elders. Elders can be recognized by their red name badges.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome David Kitchen back as our newest Elder and to thank all the elders for their on-going commitment and support to keep congregants connected. Whether they are simply checking in with people or visiting shut-ins, their efforts are vital and greatly appreciated. Thank you, Bruce Boyd, Fred Torrie and Norm Roper, who have stepped down this year as Elders, for your generous service. Thank you to Cheryl Drake for all your administrative support; and thank you Reverend Mark, for guidance and support, as we carry out our mission and ministry.

Grace and Blessings on your path, Joanne Stenerson



## **Leadership Council Report**Stephen McCorquodale - Chair

## Worshipping, Caring, Welcoming, Sharing

I think that Humber Valley United is a wonderful church and church family. I see us as a strong Christian community worshipping and praising God and living our Christian lives. We have a positive Christian story to tell. 2016 was another amazing year. This Annual Report tells our story.

Also, I anticipate a bright future ahead of us. Surely, church will be different and there will be challenges, but we have all we need to succeed as a Christian leadership church.

Every year the Leadership Council worries about our finances. We look at a deficit and yet every year a financial angel saves us. In 2016, a member of our congregation anonymously donated \$75,000 to the work of our church. These funds can continue to support our church, if we continue to be diligent in the stewardship of our resources.

Our Mission and Ministry Profile established three priority goals - pastoral care, communication, and leadership. These goals help the Leadership Council focus our efforts. We have good reasons to celebrate what we have done and what we will do.

2016 saw Humber Valley send five people to Stephen Ministry training and they have now trained four additional congregants in the Stephen Ministry. This is a big step in adding strength to our Pastoral Care ministry.

Mindful of the increasing importance of the Internet in supporting and growing our ministry in the modern age, in 2016 we hired a Communications Coordinator, Carla Sandrin. She has revamped and continues to manage and improve our website, www.hvuc.ca. Her creative work is also evident in this report. She has strengthened our Communications ministry with her technical skills and expertise as a communicator for today's world.

Thirdly, the Leadership Council struggled with the approval of Rev. Mark's sabbatical, but, in retrospect, we were wrong to worry. The sabbatical was a positive time of rest and renewal for Mark and it was also a time of kindness and compassion for our church. Rev. Irene Ty was a light to our church and to all the people that she touched in her time with us. A gentle but firm leader, she was compassionate and willing to take risks. She left us with the challenge to expand our "radical hospitality".

As we go forward, let us be ever mindful of the vital importance of gracious leadership. The success of a church cannot depend on the efforts of the few. "We are the church together." Please don't hide your light under a bushel.

I offer my thanks to the many volunteers who give of their time and talents to make this the meaningful Christian church and meeting place that it is. Thank you especially to the volunteers who are members of Committees and Committee Chairs who make up the Leadership Council and the many others who quietly step up and lend a hand to do what needs to be done.

Thank you to our Coordinating Minister, Mark Winger and to our Minister of Music, Paul Chant, who provide us with Christian leadership, guidance and inspiration. Thank you for the music program that supports our service each week. A special thank you to Cheryl Drake, our chief ambassador, and to Zoran Mrkovic and his crew, Dragon Mrkovic and Serdjo Cicak, for their hard work and ever-helpful spirit. Thank you also to Anita Wakeman, Claire Hatje, Michelle Madill, George Turnbull and Carla Sandrin for their excellent work.

Keep up the good work and be proud of who we are and what we have achieved. Continue in God's Service.

### Steve McCorquodale Chair, Leadership Council

## THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Chair: Steve McCorquodale Past Chair: Gary Halpenny

**Clerk of Session: Joanne Stenerson** 

Secretary: Joan Belford Treasurer: Joanne Moilliet

Ministry and Personnel: Peter White: Chair Worship and Music: Deborah Turnbull, Chair

Pastoral Care, David Dallimore: Chair

Congregational Development: Deborah Turnbull, Chair Outreach: Sally Jo Martin, Barbara Clarke, Co-Chairs

**Property: Murray Smith, Chair** 

Building Management: Deb Turnbull, Chair Adult Christian Education: Carla Sandrin, Chair United Church Women: Sharon Dowdall, President

Trustees: Allan Orr, Chair

**Humber Valley Foundation: Dennis Schettler, Chair** 

Members at Large: Gail Cook-Bennett,

**Constance Crosby, Ron Crago** 

Presbytery Representative: Wilma Crago Coordinating Minister: Rev. Mark Winger

Minister of Music: Paul Chant





## **Presbytery**

The big news at Presbytery this past year was that Gail Hamblin was covenanted as Chair of Presbytery last summer and Wilma Crago became a lay member. They keep us abreast of all the news in the wider church.

Our own Rev. Mark is a member of the Community Ministries
Commission and is the Vice Chair of the board of Sparrow Lake
Camp.







## Message from Rev. Irene Ty Supply Minister from Sept. - Dec. 2016

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and minister with and among you these past four months. It's been a delight and an honour. Congregants have been very appreciative and affirming. You have welcomed me, my spouse Lee Holland, and our daughter Julia when she came to church.

I enjoyed working with staff members Paul Chant, Cheryl Drake, Claire Hatje and Carla Sandrin. The members of the Leadership Council worked hard to keep all of us on track to meet the church goals. It's been great to see that the learnings from the "Holy Currencies" workshop, led by Rev. Dr. Eric Law, are being applied at HVUC. The worship service and barbeque in September, where tenants of the building were invited to speak about their programs, is an example of relationship building.

I had the opportunity to share a sermon message with you on most Sundays. One highlight for me was being able to share my passion on Intercultural Ministries, which is how we can grow and be transformed by each other's differences. I conducted a new members class on Nov. 27 and on Dec. 11; HVUC received six new members.

I was pleased to offer prayerful support and presence to the Stephen Ministry program. It was good to have the help of Rev. Rick Tamas, pastoral care minister, in November and December. I also conducted one memorial service and four funerals.

It's been good to share leadership with you. Thank you for your welcome and appreciation for our ministry together.

Blessings, Irene Ty



#### What does it mean to be a "Missional Church?"

It's not only about doing church-based work. It's about carrying the mission of Jesus into every sphere of our lives. As disciples, we are all missionaries sent out to do God's work. And part of that work is to invite, welcome, support and bless those in and around our community.

This report proudly illustrates how HVUC has made headway with our goal to be more missional, particularly in the areas of Pastoral Care, Leadership and Communications – the three priorities for 2016.



Everyone must decide whether they will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The goal is not to run a program called "Missional Community." The goal is to learn how to function as an extended family on mission."

Mike Breen, Leading Missional Communities

## **OUR DEDICATED STAFF**



# Weddings, Baptisms, Memorials, Transfers & Membership

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following individuals who died in 2016:

John Tennison – January 1
Georgina Jackson – January 17
Patricia Long – February 12
Noreen Millar – February 10
Helen Zurbrigg – March
Marion Davenport – April 8
Dwight Throop – April 12
Dianne Grundy – May 1
Roy Voelker – June 25
Wentworth Wheatley – August 7
Patricia Sutherland – September 11
Eleanore Stanley-Paul – October 15
Margo Watt – November 18
William Martin – December 4

**HVUC MEMBERSHIP** 

**Active Members: 185** 

Adherents: 67

Non-Resident Members: 111

Congratulations to those who were baptized in 2016:

Samantha Briann Nixon Thomas James Chapman

We congratulate the following couples on their weddings this past year; we were so pleased to share in your special day:

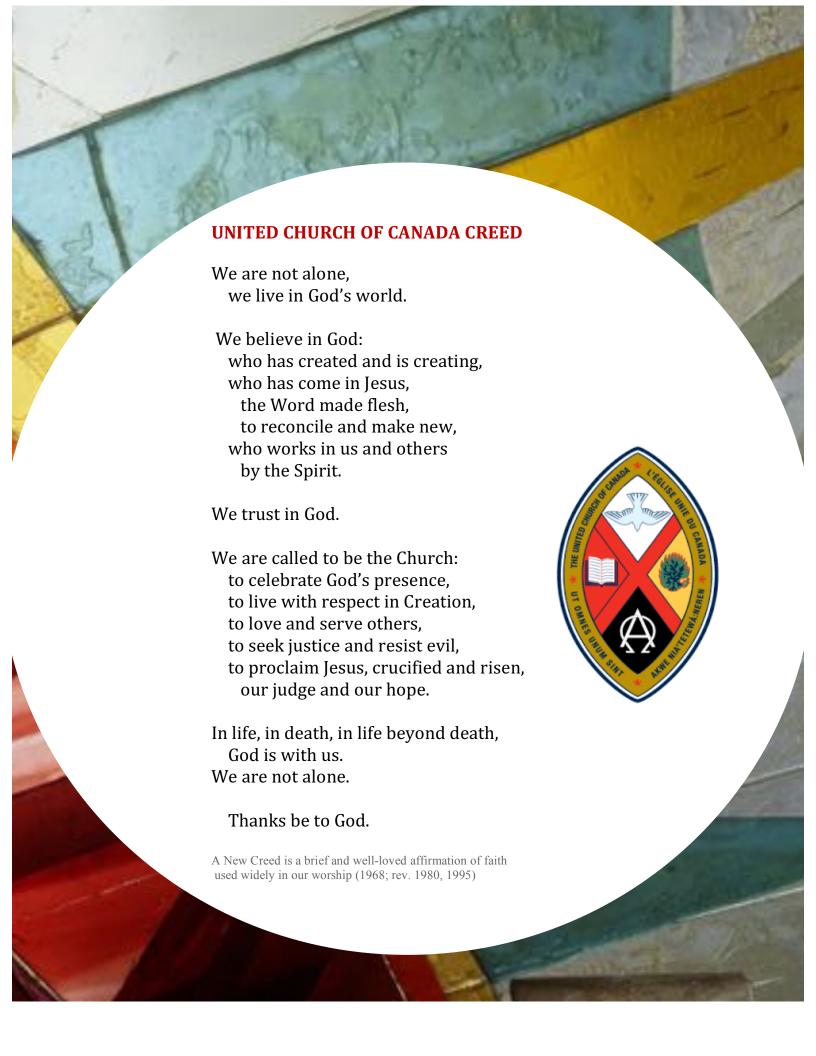
Shawn Sukrajh & Erlyn Simanero

Thomas Magee & Alison Ing

Krysztof Robert Kowalczyk & Samantha Briann Nixon

11 New Members Received - We welcome you!

2 Transfers Out - we miss you!





"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye Lands" (Psalm 100).

## That is precisely what we have endeavoured to do during 2016.

I am sincerely grateful to the Chancel Choir including many volunteers and soloists Jill Diane Filion, Joni Henson, Marianne Zin (January to May), Nicole Percifield (September to December), Devin Herbert, Rob Kempson and David Kingsmill; Handbell Ensemble; Junior Choir and parents; Lorienne Swales, co-director of the Junior Choir; Peter Clemens, music librarian; Catharine Clemens, choir president; and Judith Dallimore, handbell assignments. I appreciate Jill Filion for her musical leadership during my vacation and professional development leave.

## Minister of Music Report

### **Paul Chant**

HVUC hosted several concerts during 2016: The Four Men; Heritage Brass (Salvation Army Band); Ontario Pops Orchestra (with Chancel Choir); Talent Show; and Jewels of Christmas. Numerous other groups performed at HVUC: Etobicoke Centennial Choir; Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra; Croatian Choir; Harmony Singers; Queensmen and many more.

#### In 2017, we look forward to these special events:

- March 26, Tri-City Men's Chorus presents "Singspiration," conducted by Duncan McGregor.
- During Holy Week, the HVUC Chancel Choir will present "Praise the God of Resurrection" (with orchestral accompaniment) featuring the music of Mark Hayes, Lloyd Larson, Joseph M. Martin and Ruth Elaine Schram. On Palm/Passion Sunday April 9, we shall sing the first four movements including "In the Beginning Was the Word," "God's Holy Lamb," "You Are the Bread" and "King of Tears" followed by "Three Crosses of Shame" on Good Friday, April 14; and finally, "Praise the God of Resurrection!" on Easter Sunday, April 16.
- June 4, HVUC presents "An Afternoon of Musical Theatre" featuring the Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble and Junior Choir.
- December 10, HVUC presents the annual Christmas Concert.

I am thankful for the continued support and encouragement from the HVUC Congregation, Leadership Council, Worship and Music Team, Music Support Team, Ministry and Personnel, including Ted Loewen, my liaison, and Cheryl Drake and Carla Sandrin.







## Worship & Music Team Report

Deborah Turnbull, Chair

Through our Worship experiences, HVUC is striving to "worship God in a spirit of joy," and to "share the good news of Jesus Christ." Our 2016 worship year was inspiring, inspirational and faith-centred. Small groups made up of volunteers from the congregation helped Rev. Mark in the planning and organizing of some of the worship services during the year.

**Pulpit Supply:** We had a number of pulpit supply ministers during the summer months who helped inspire us through their messages. After Rev. Mark went on sabbatical in early September, we were blessed to have Rev. Irene Ty as our supply minister for the entire period.

Rev. Irene inspired new ideas in worship including the use of music and animated songs during the children's time, dramatic readings to make the scripture come alive, and liturgical dance to support the lectionary messages. Christmas time featured a pageant and candlelight services as well as the extensive use of music.





**Small group devotionals** also continued in 2016 including: Friday Bible Study, Jesus and Java, Week of Guided Prayer, and the Alpha Course (offered for the first time at HVUC).

Kaleidoscope devotionals (introduced by the team who attended the "Holy Currencies" course) continued to be included in all Leadership Council and Committee meetings. These have been welcomed by most as they set the tone for our ministries both within the church and in the community.

**Music:** Music continues to be one of the backbones of our worship services. It inspires through its diversity of song and performance (please see Paul Chant's report).

**Worship Space:** No physical changes were made to our Sanctuary this year, but this continues to be discussed to make it more open and inviting.

**Learning and Growing**: Sometimes, our worship may not flow as seamlessly as we might like as our worship leaders are also learning. We invite your patience during this time of liturgical evolution. As always, our hope is to continue to build on our rich tradition and offer worship experiences that bring us closer to the "One from Whom all blessings flow."

## **Adult Christian Education**

## NUTURING THE SPIRIT AND THE MIND

#### WED. NIGHT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For several years, we have offered 4/6-week session educational programs that focus on learning about Christianity, faith, spirituality and other religions from an academic perspective. We usually watch a lecture by a renowned theologian or an award-winning professor, which is followed by discussion. Here are some of the topics we've explored:

- The New and Old Testaments from a Cultural and Historical perspective
- Comparative Religion
- The Bible from an Archeological Perspective
- Ted Talks on Religion and Spirituality
- Walking in the Steps of St. Paul/St. Peter

This is an opportunity to learn and grow, without having to take an exam! About 15-30 people come out for this program.

In 2017, we have plans for more learning and fun including: The Rob Bell film "Everything is Spiritual," a Lenten Prayer and Contemplation series, and more video lectures. The sessions are planned and facilitated by Rev. Winger and Carla Sandrin.

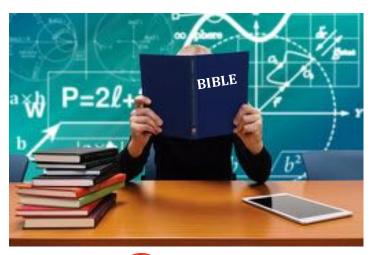
#### FRI. MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group studies a range of topics from the Bible and generally meets on Friday mornings. In the spring session, the group studied the Psalms, culminating in a worship celebration of Psalms on March 6. There was a break during Mark's sabbatical, but it will resume in 2017.

### **JESUS AND JAVA**

This group (led by Joanne Stenerson) met at either a local coffee shop or in the church. They convened for an hour on a Monday evening to discuss all things theological, spiritual and biblical. New participants are always welcome.

Carla Sandrin, Chair, Adult Christian Education





In the fall of 2016, we launched the first ever Alpha at HVUC. Alpha is a non-denominational international program that delves into questions about purpose, eternity and love. It is a series of interactive sessions where participants can explore those questions with food, a video presentation and open discussion.

Carla Sandrin and I took the lead on this program as facilitators, while Lynn Manning and Deborah Turnbull worked their magic in the kitchen, preparing and serving amazing dinners.

We had 22 participants, 3 of whom were not members of our church. Our goal was to welcome as many people who do not regularly attend church, but of course, everyone was welcome.

We came together for 10 weeks on Wed. evenings and also participated in a retreat (or "away day") with two other churches at Creiff Hills Conference Centre, just south of Guelph.

Through feedback, we learned that people were engaged with the material, they enjoyed the fellowship and benefited from being there. Future Alpha offerings will depend on interest and viability.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Ostvik - Van der Vliet



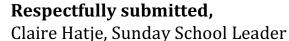
## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

## 2016 was an exciting year in JAM (Jesus and Me)

Here are a few highlights.

- Pancake Supper and Service of Ashes
- Baden Powell Sunday Service
- End of year party
- Outdoor Carnival and Kick off Sunday (Bouncy Soccer and Carnival Games) along with scrumptious food.
- Preparing and acting in a video for the Talent Show
- Making and selling Christmas Cards in support of Syrian Refugees
- Christmas Eve telling the Nativity story through costumes, scripture readings and carols

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in making this an extraordinary year. A special thanks to Michelle Madill for her dedication and assistance.







We love our young people and the young at heart!





WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH!









## **CARING**

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

David Dallimore, Chair



Pastoral Care is one of the current priorities at HVUC. While the Pastoral Care Team (PCT) is the primary focus, other groups in the church such as the United Church Women, Daytimers and the Chancel Choir, provide a lot of pastoral care amongst their members. Overall, HVUC prides itself on being a very caring congregation.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To champion pastoral care at HVUC through the creation of a congregation-wide pastoral care environment which encourages all HVUC groups and members of the congregation to be aware of the pastoral care needs of individuals in the HVUC community whatever their age, social or economic situation.

While maintaining and, where possible, enhancing existing Pastoral Care programs and activities, the Pastoral Care Team aims to work cooperatively with other HVUC groups and the Coordinating Minister to identify new Pastoral Care opportunities where there is a perceived need.



In the fall, during Rev. Mark's sabbatical, Rev. Irene Ty was very active on pastoral care. She attended monthly PCT meetings and encouraged us in our work. During November and December, Rev. Rick Tamas provided eight hours a week of additional pastoral care. We are grateful to both Rev. Irene and Rev Rick for their support, inspiration and suggestions, and for the amount of contact they had with congregants.

#### **PCT 2016 Achievements:**

- Re-designed the **elders' visiting report**
- Supported the **Stephen Ministry** initiative
- The Prayer Chain, led by Sue Hillery and Susanne Hynes
- **Sent about 100 cards** to people needing support and caring thoughts (Wanda Sekunda).
- Held mid-week afternoon **senior's services** at Humber Heights, Kingsway and Scarlett Heights
- Conducted a "Comfort and Joy" service for people who feel sad and lonely at Christmas time
- Supported "Life After Loss," a program for people recently bereaved
- Distributed Stephen Ministry booklets "Journeying Through Grief" to those suffering from a loss
- Organized a presentation by Act2 Studio of Ryerson University "I'm Still Here" about Alzheimer's
- Re-introduced the **prayer shawls**



#### **Goals for 2017 include:**

- Further strengthen
   Elders/Pastoral Care Team
   interface and working
   relationships with the Clerk of
   Session and the Coordinating
   Minister
- Support the Stephen Ministry
- Support ministerial pastoral care activities
- Bring a new Act2 presentation to Humber Valley about ageism: "No Longer Relevant"
- Recruiting additional Pastoral Care Team members

I would like to thank all members of the Pastoral Care Team for their work and dedication to the pastoral care area and for their support.

Respectfully submitted, **David Dallimore** 

### **DAYTIMERS**

#### **STRUCTURE**

Daytimers usually meets on the last Monday of every month. Approximately **70 seniors** gather in the Hearth Room for a devotional, a chance to browse our book cart, and to share information.

An \$8 lunch is served in The Arthur Steed Fellowship Hall, and this is followed by a program.



Thank you to our entire organizing team who help make these programs and luncheons possible. Thank you to our occasional helpers, our drivers and to those who contribute food and group transportation. We appreciate Cheryl's support in the office and Zoran's help in setting up the room for us. We remember with pleasure Rev Irene Ty's support and kindness.

**Judith Dallimore, Program Coordinator** 



DAYTIMERS
Judith Dallimore,
Program Coordinator

#### PROGRAMS - 2016

January - Memory Loss with Jennifer Boyle
February - Real Estate with The Farquhar team
March - A Tale of Two Sisters with Pauline Capell
April - Political Issues with Yvan Baker, MPP Etob. Centre
May - Cruising the Danube with Joan Belford and Peter White
June - Things that Grow with Andrew Jinkinson
September - Storm Chasing with Deborah Turnbull
October - Waste Management with Michelle Kane
November - Wealth Management with Brian Goodman
December - Joy in Music with Lorienne Swales and Paul Chant

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Plans are already underway for 2017/18. Occasionally somebody comes forward and volunteers to provide a program and we invite anyone who has a story to share to let us know.



### Pastoral Care Team - left to right:

Stan Charteris, Rev. Rick Tamas,
Lynn Manning, Rose MacLean,
Juanita Macpherson, Shelagh
Chapman, Rev. Irene Ty, Bill Cahoon,
Sally Roper, David Dallimore (Chair)
David Kitchen & Wanda Sekunda
(not in photo). Susanne Hynes joined
the Team in January 2017. Rev.
Mark Winger is an *ex-officio*member. We are grateful for the
dedication and service of Jack
Berryman and Sue Hillery, who
stepped down this year.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM 2016

#### WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministers are lay people—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, and relocation.



**Your Stephen Ministry Leader Team** (left to right) Joanne Stenerson, Rev. Mark Winger, Juanita Macpherson Mary Moffat Johansson, Lynn Manning



Pastoral Care was a big priority in 2016. I could not have been more ecstatic when HVUC became a Stephen Ministries Church this year! In August, five participants attended an intense week of Stephen Minister Leader Training in Pittsburgh. Next steps were to get the program started. Four individuals signed up for the 50-hours of training, which was launched in Nov. 2016. We have many plans for 2017 including putting the Ministry into practice and training additional Stephen Ministers.

Joanne Stenerson, Clerk of Session

## **OUTREACH & ACTION**

Sally Jo Martin & Barbara Clarke, Co-Chairs

The Outreach and Action Team of Humber Valley UC continues to support a number of local, national and international projects with strong support from the congregation.

### Here is a summary of activities carried out in 2016:

\$15,000 from Capital Funds was allocated as follows:

- \$7,000 for water wells GAIN (Global Action International Network) and LWC (Life Water Canada)
- \$2,500 to the Fort McMurray Alberta Salvation Army for support of fire victims
- \$3,000 to United Church camps Sparrow Lake and Camp Scugog
- \$1,500 to Fred Victor Mission in Toronto for a project supporting new immigrants
- \$1,000 to Youth Without Shelter in Toronto to supplement the monthly meals provided by our church volunteers

## Many of the above charities also received donations from individuals in the congregation. These included:

- The waters wells project:
  - December 2015 campaign \$12,492 to GAIN; \$3,500 to LWC
  - December 2016 campaign- \$14,353 to GAIN; \$2,415 to LWC
- effect: hope (formerly Leprosy Mission Canada) \$4,583.10
- Souper Sunday cans of soup to Youth Without Shelter and the St James Food Basket
- Syrian Relief Fund \$170; some congregants donated directly to head office of the United Church of Canada for their work with partners in refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan
- Sparrow Lake Camp \$1,415
- Camp Scugog \$4,673
- Scotia Walk in support of Camp Scugog \$2,173
- Youth Without Shelter monthly meals provided with funds donated by individuals
- Roncesvalles United Church hats, mitts, socks as gifts for their Christmas lunch serving the local community in need
- White Gifts \$1,428 in addition to gifts for the children served by the Jane Finch Community Ministry
- Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance for internships \$5,000

The bulletin board in the foyer displays a variety of outreach projects. Check it out to see how Humber Valley UC is making a difference in the lives of so many.

### Some of the Outreach Projects Supported by HVUC



## PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain has been operating at Humber Valley since October 2007 under the auspices of the Pastoral Care Team and we have 34 people ready to pray for you at any time. We pray for people of all ages and for all sorts of reasons.

Sometimes our prayers are answered promptly and directly, sometimes we require patience and perseverance and sometimes the answers are far beyond what we could ever ask.

Often it can be very difficult to find the words to pray for yourself or your loved ones when things get rough, so this is a wonderful alternative.

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, please call me and I will pass your request on to the group. Or you can fill in a Prayer Request Card (found in the pew) and put it in the Pastoral Care box on the wall across from the church mailboxes.

If you are doing this on someone else's behalf please be sure to have their consent. And please know that confidentiality is strictly observed within the prayer group. Anonymous requests are also accepted.

If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain please call or email me.

Sue Hillery, Coordinator 289-997-1492 or email sehillery@gmail.com **Congregational Development Team** 

Deborah Turnbull, Chair



### In the spirit of gracious hospitality and

always striving to "welcome all in a spirit of community," our congregational team has responsibilities in three areas which are closely interrelated: membership; communication; and congregational life. In 2016, we tried to have at least one event per month to ensure all felt welcome and included in our church life.

Some highlights included: the Auld Lang Syne Sunday, the first Sunday in January 2016, which the late Fred Van der Vliet initiated in 2013, featuring Scottish fare - was attended by more than 140 people, some of them new to the church; the Heritage Band of the Salvation Army – a fantastic afternoon of inspiring music; the Welcome BBQ in September, which focused on gracious hospitality to our friends, renters and neighbours in our community; Thanksgiving Pies in October – sharing the bounty of the harvest followed by the Fall Hike; The Talent Show in November featuring our members and our renters in a fun evening of food, fun and fellowship; and the Christmas Concert in December.

We visited the groups using our church and extended a hand of welcome as well as distributed letters to these groups explaining what our church offers. We also delivered letters to homes of new people moving into our area and a number are now coming to the church on a regular basis.

We offer gracious hospitality each Sunday morning before church. In addition, under the direction of Rev. Ty, we now have a welcome desk with people responsible each Sunday to ensure those new to the church are warmly welcomed and made to feel like a part of our church family. Many of our events were featured in the local papers, "the Guardian" and "SNAPd Etobicoke," which helps to expand our reach.

For 2017, in our 65<sup>th</sup> year, the Team aims to continue its welcoming initiatives, to work with other teams on specific projects, and to reach beyond our church walls to attract visitors and new people to our church while welcoming all in a spirit of community.



## COMMUNICATIONS

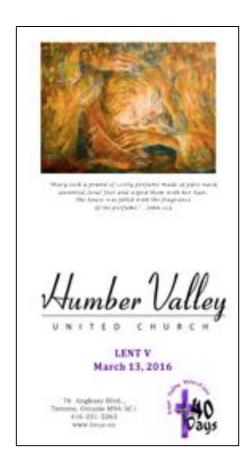


**Connections** supports the congregational life of Humber Valley United Church by sharing stories, events, thoughtful articles, reports, and photographs submitted by its readers. Each issue features a reflection by our minister and original articles and poems by HVUC people. Connections is distributed in print by HVUC elders, available on the HVUC website under the Connect tab, and emailed as a link in the church's e-Blast. It is published by the Congregational Life Committee and most of the costs of production are defrayed by the revenue from ads placed by our sponsors.

Four editions of Connections were published in 2016 featuring, among other material, articles about Salem Bland, Raymond Gould, Dwight Throop, Rev. Irene Ty, the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, and wildfires in Fort McMurray. It takes a team to produce Connections, the contributors, the editor, the proof readers and the staff who print and otherwise make it available. We are especially grateful to Cheryl Drake who helps in many small but significant ways and is in charge of printing and distribution. In 2016, the copy editors were David and Judith Dallimore, Sally Jo Martin and Deborah Turnbull.



#### Susanne Hynes, Managing Editor



### Sunday Mini-Connections

Every week, Chery Drake prepares a high quality full colour bulletin for Sunday services. Inside you will find the order of service, special notices and all the events scheduled for the week.

Greeters, led by Brian Goodman, present these to congregants with a friendly welcome and a big smile as they enter the sanctuary.

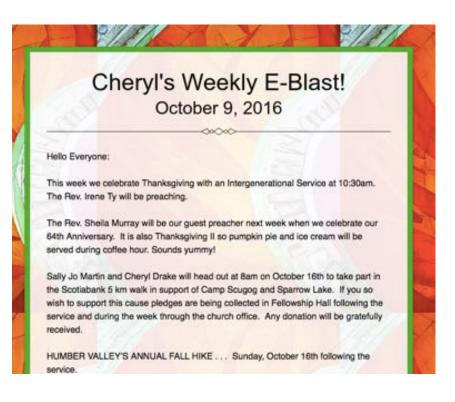
The website covers much of the information in the bulletin, and the screens offer highlights, but for those who enjoy having a hard copy, keep it handy so you can refer to it during the week.

## AUDIO VISUAL UPDATE

Six years ago, the congregation invested in a costly high tech audio visual system for the sanctuary. Huge amounts of volunteer hours and capital went into the design, construction and implementation of this system. We have the capacity to record services, concerts and weddings, to show video and slide show presentations, and to create sharper audio than ever before.

In 2017 and beyond, we will strive to take full advantage of this great system and reduce the glitches that occasionally occur. Please be patient as we work towards providing the best audio visual that any church in the city has to offer. Thanks to the AV Team for all their hard work. We also need more volunteers to learn how to use and run the equipment – if you're interested, let us know!





If you are on the HVUC mailing list, then every week you have been receiving "Cheryl's Weekly E-Blast." This is another means of informing our members and friends about what is going on in and around our church. Sometimes the messages are sad – as when we announce the death of one of our congregants - but most often they are happy messages about upcoming activities and events. There is something for everyone, whether it's a musical production, a potluck dinner, an interesting course, an outreach project, or an exciting performance. If you want to know what's happening at HVUC, make sure you are on our email list!

Carla Sandrin, Communications Coordinator



## **HVUC WEBSITE**

2016 was the year to update our online presence. With our vibrant stained glass windows as a backdrop to showcase our dynamic church life, we now have a website that expresses who we are and what is happening in our church life.

The calendar link let's people know all the events taking place with one easy click and the various tabs provide information to newcomers and congregants.

The contact page makes it easy for people to inquire about weddings and funerals as well as rental possibilities or anything else.

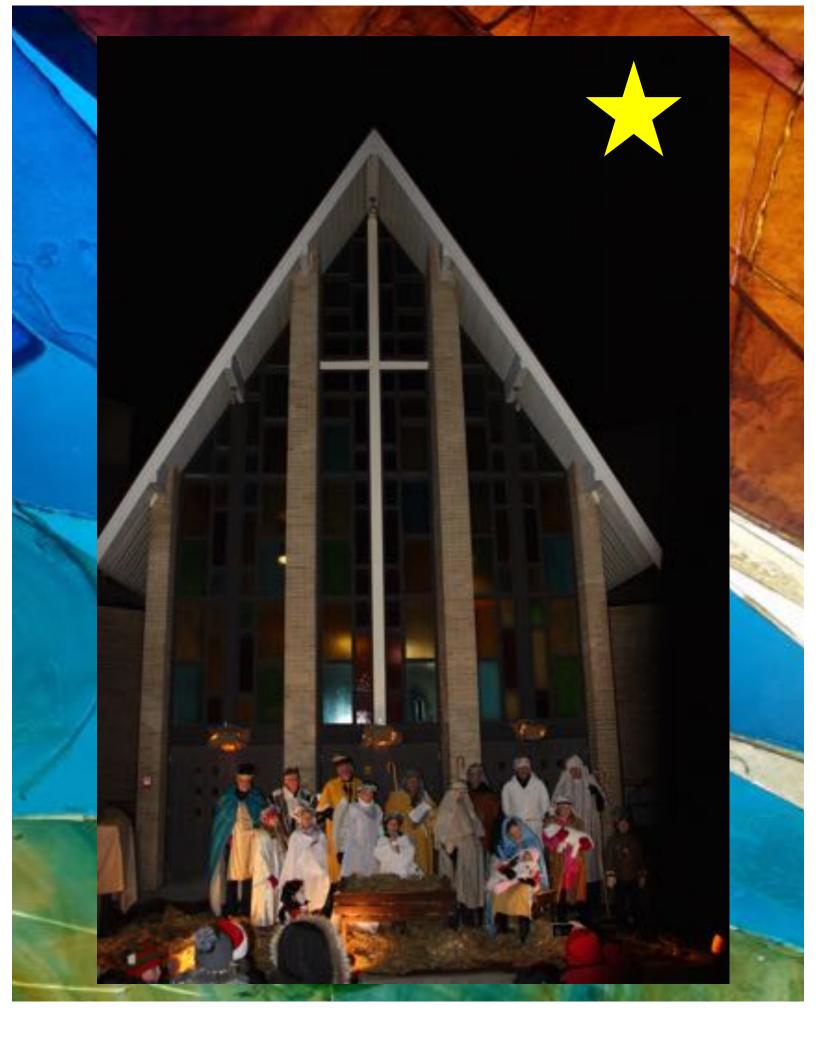
New pictures from various activities are posted often as are upcoming events that you don't want to miss.

In 2017, we hope to add a ticket purchasing feature, which will make it easier than ever to buy tickets for our popular events.

We are also getting ready to launch our Facebook and Twitter accounts – another way to keep people abreast of the exciting happenings at HVUC!

### Carla Sandrin Communications Coordinator















## United Church Women



United Church Women: 90 plus women meet several times a year for Christian fellowship and service, as well as in four Units (which meet as often as monthly) for activities and programs, and to plan the fundraising activities. Their fundraising supports local and international charities. 40% of our budget supports women and children and 60% of our budget supports HVUC needs.

Our special focus charity this year was the Salvation Army in Fort McMurray to support programs and resources to help with counselling. Our fundraising highlights in 2016 by our Annual Bids'n Bites Bridge event (thanks to Myrna Torrie and her team), a Royal Tea in celebration of the Queens 90th birthday (brainchild of the late Margo Watt and coordinated by Carolyn Whiteside and her team) and a new twist on our Fall get together called Ladies' Night Out organized by Diane Locke and her team, which featured a speaker, light supper, vendors, bake sale and silent auction.

The United Church Families Group (aka Valley Girls), a spirited group of about 15 women, met on an irregular basis in 2016 for fun, fellowship and to plan outreach projects such as "Out of the Cold" meals for homeless men and Christmas collections for "Youth Without Shelter."

The UCW executive is assisted by the leadership of the Units and the participation of all our members and associates of the UCW. We wish to invite any and all who are interested in fellowship, service, fun and camaraderie to come join us in 2017.

You can participate in Unit meetings, help with Bids'n Bites Bridge (April 26), attend the Annual and General Meeting on May 28 after church, or join the fun at the Fall Fashion Show in October.

Sharon Dowdall, UCW Chair

## Humber Valley United Church Women - Financial Statement for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Income Received during 2016	
Royal Tea	\$1,849.02
Bids'n Bites	\$5,234.00
Vintage	\$130.00
Donations	\$50.00
Income from funerals	\$100.00
Book sale Book cart/ cookbooks)	\$10.00
HST refund	\$774.45
Ladies' Night Out	\$9,009.14
TOTAL Income received during 2016 for use in 2017	\$17,156.61

**Note**: The United Church Women's budget is set according to income received during the previous year. The amount of income available for 2016 was \$ 29386.15. The amount of income available for 2017, through Fundraisers, Donations, and Other will be \$35701.67

Included in this sum is \$17421.17 from 2016 church projects that will be carried over to 2017 Church Projects and \$ 1123.89 carryover from 2016 yearly budget which is added to the 2016 income for 2017 budget

Expenses during 2016	Budget 2016	Actual Expenditures	Balance as of Dec. 31, 2016
Outreach			
M&S of United Church of Canada	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
United Church Charities	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Local, National & International Charities	3,500.00	3,360.00	140.00
Total Outreach	6,900.00	6,760.00	140.00
UCW General Expense			8
Office	400.00	234.53	165.47
Audit	300.00	300.00	
Annual & General Meetings	400.00	243.17	156.83
Gifts	400.00	368.00	32.00
Toronto West Presbyterial UCW Expense	500.00	480.00	20.00
Miscellaneous UCW Expense	200.00	200.00	
Total UCW General Expense	2,200.00	1,825.70	374.30
Congregational Expense			
Sunday Coffee & Special Occasions	1,400.00	933.18	466.82
Kitchen & Hearth	700.00	757.23	-57.23
Miscellaneous Congregational Expense	200.00	737.23	200.00
Total Congregational Expense	2,300.00	1,690.41	609.59
Total Yearly Expenses	11,400.00	10,276.11	1,123.89
Church Projects	17,986.15	564.98	17,421.17

\$18,545.06

Balance Remaining as of Dec 31, 2016















## SUMMER CAMPS ORCHESTRAS & CHOIRS ASSOCIATIONS

### Our Renters - Deborah Turnbull

HVUC has become a community hub with about twenty-five main renters including three summer camps. **This past summer we had more than 1,000 children in those camps**. As part of our mission to "welcome all in a spirit of community," our renters are our partners in our mission and each renter is challenged to also give back or support the church in some way.

A good example is the Etobicoke Camera Club - renters for more than 25 years. Their members take photos at church events, which are shared during services and in our newsletters. They have a competition coming up in 2017, where members will be judged on the photographs they take of the church.

Our renters also attend many of our concerts and church events, with a highlight being the Fall BBQ each year, where renters are encouraged to tell the congregation about their organizations and contributions to our community.

### SCHOOLS FITNESS GROUPS

BROWNIES & GIRL GUIDES
CLUBS

### **OUR FRIENDS & TENANTS**

Kingsway AA

**Etobicoke Camera Club** 

**Canadian Croatian Choral Society** 

**Duplicate Bridge** 

**Etobicoke Centennial Choir** 

Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra

Filipok Educational Centre

Firm Believers

Hillside Montessori

Metro Mother's Network - 2 groups

Mindwerx4kids

Ontario Pops Orchestra

Lorienne Swales Vocal Studio

Sheila Bacopulos Yoga Class

Mad Science Summer Camp

Humber Glen Trefoil Guild

Humber Valley Residents' Association

Junior League

Ukrainian Youth Ensemble

United Church of Canada

Wojciech Okulicz Conert

Yvan Baker

Private Parties

**Etobicoke Track and Field** 

**Etobicoke Services for Seniors** 

Leslie Reid Piano Recital

Helena Janik Concert

Film Crews

City of Toronto - Planning Dept.

**Wedding Receptions** 

Probus Bridge Club

Tai Chi Class

True Light Korean Church

Eileen Mills Yoga Class

**Pedalheads Summer Camp** 

**Harmony Singers** 

Iva Gerlich Piano Recital

Music for All

The Queensmen

Weddings

The following groups also use our facility:

Sparks – donation Brownies - donation Guides – donation After Dinner Mints Multiple Sclerosis Yoga Class Sparrow Lake Camp Board

### **PROPERTY TEAM**

2016 was again a very busy and interesting year for maintaining, replacing and/or modernizing the many parts of our 66-year-old building and property. More could have been done, but timing, finances and reality dictated much of our work.

Along with our own myriad of church activities, we host over 40 community groups, schools, and various concerts. As well, several movie companies use our facilities each year. With 29,000 square feet to be cleaned and maintained, our sextons are busy. Should you encounter the following gentlemen, please remind them of our appreciation:

Zoran Mrkovic – Property Manager Dragan Mrkovic Serdjo Cicak

A summary of our major activities in 2016:

**Roof Repair** – the entire southwestern (sun-facing) sanctuary roof was reshingled mid-February. We saved about \$4,000 by having the work done off-season.



<u>Garbage and Recyclables Removal</u> – The City of Toronto now pick-up our waste materials, thereby saving us \$6,000 per year.

<u>Main Entrance and Steed Hall Doors</u> – We selected a contractor to repair and refinish 8 doors before May 2017.

<u>Friendship Hall</u> – After the flood of 2013 and the damage to our lower level, Peter White managed the 3-year restoration and insurance negotiation, and the following final work was completed last year in Friendship Hall:

- 1. Cleaning, waterproofing, and painting of inside walls
- 2. Floor surface received final top coat
- 3. New windows installed to prevent any water leakage

**Rooftop Solar Panels** – Interesting to note that this installation generates a credit of about \$7,000/year for our church. Bill Cahoon was right!

2017 – We expect 2017 to be as active with repositioning of eaves troughs, repainting lines in the parking lot, floor tile replacement, continued maintenance of our audio-visual system, more roof shingle replacement, development of plans for enhanced main floor washrooms, etc.

In summary, we believe Humber Valley United Church is in good physical condition, and that we can safely help our church and local community maintain and enrich their lives through programmes, counseling, education, and involvement. After all, we are (or try to be) the "Welcoming" church.

Respectfully submitted by your Property Committee

### **Trustees**

The Board of Trustees of HVUC is responsible for the safe and secure administration of all church assets and property. This means that we ensure that all church facilities and buildings are adequately insured, are in good condition, are well maintained, and used for appropriate purposes. We also manage general and specific restricted funds belonging to the congregation.

As at December 31st, 2016, the trustees had \$943,444 under administration, with the money held in three funds.

### **General and Specific Fund**

\$107,074 for loans and expenses judged to be relevant to enhancing the interests and well-being of HVUC.

### **Capital Fund**

\$206,506 of the fund is held as part of the 2012 campaign "60 and Beyond". This money is to be held while the Leadership Council decides on its application. During 2016, additional money was transferred into this fund accounting for most of the increase of \$90,218.

### **Manse Capital Fund**

\$623,519 and is restricted so that the principle is held in trust, and all related investment income is used solely to augment/support HVUC ministerial housing allowances.

The Trustees maintain an Investment Committee to manage and oversee our investments, particularly the Manse Capital Fund. These activities allowed the Trustees to contribute \$19,841 in 2016 to the ministerial housing allowance.

### Your Trustees are:

Kathleen Black (Treasurer)
Allan Orr (Chair)
Ruth Johnson
Ted Loewen

Steve McCorquodale

Peter Morgan
Heather Cartwright
Dennis Schettler
Murray Smith
Robert Watt

Rev. Mark Winger (ex officio)

### **Stewardship Update**

As shown in the financial statements included in this report, for the year 2016, programming and operating expenditures were greater than funds received for these purposes, resulting in an operating deficit of \$12.1K; however, we ended the year with an overall surplus of \$64.7K as a result of receiving a special donation of \$75.8K and transferring \$33.8K from capital funds to cover the cost of supply for our minister's sabbatical. Although envelope and PAR givings were lower than amounts received in 2015, we received increased revenue from use of church, which helped to offset the impact of reduced givings. The surplus funds will be transferred to the Capital account to reimburse the Capital account for amounts used in prior years to offset operating deficits.

Please note that the 2016 income statement includes capital donations and receipts received for Outreach and special initiatives; amounts that were not reported in the 2015 income statement, but have been included in the 2016 income statement for completeness of reporting. As shown in the income statement these special donations continue to be transferred to the Holding Fund accounts used to administer these funds. Holding Fund balances are shown in the financial statements.

As shown in the Capital Campaign Funds Summary report we continue to receive capital fund contributions and use these funds for a variety of purposes. During 2016, capital funds allocated to Ministry and Stewardship were used to fund Stephen Ministry training, \$13.2K, and \$32.8K was used to fund the cost of our Minister's sabbatical; \$19.3K was spent on re-shingling part of the church roof; and \$21.5K was spent on various Outreach initiatives that included \$8K for the 2015 Water-Well campaign.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Humber Valley United Church that includes your support to current year programming and church operations, our ongoing capital campaign and special outreach projects.

Please continue to share your generosity in support of good stewardship. God gives it all and then calls us to share. Stewardship for the Church is managing its resources and Stewardship individually for congregants is fulfilling our responsibilities to the Church to the best of our abilities.

Steve McCorquodale Chair, Leadership Team

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Prepared by Joanne Moilliet Treasurer



ASSETS	
Cash - Capital Savings Account	43,535
- Current and payroll accounts	88,504
Capital Funds invested with Trustees	116,288
Donation invested with Trustees	75,842
Receipts not deposited	3,450
Accounts Receivable - Trustees	9,627
- Minderx4kids Washroom	2,400
Reimbursement	
- UCC Benefits	1,001
- HST Receivable - church	2,588
operations	
Solar Equipment	34,330
TOTAL ASSETS	377,565
<i>LIABILITIES</i>	
UCC Solar Loan	34,583
Accounts Payable	5,597
Holding Fund Balances	264,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES	304,874
EQUITY	
Previous Year End Equity	10,789
2016 Adjustments to prior year's equity	-2,790
Current Year Income	64,692
TOTAL EQUITY	72,691

Notes: 1. See separate Holding Fund and Capital Campaign report for details of current year receipts and expenditures

# ncome Statement as of December 31, 2016

Note 1: For completeness of reporting, givings received for Capital, Outreach projects and other special initiatives are recorded as a source of funds received in 2016 and as transfers to HFs where related expenditures are administered

Sources of Funds	2015	2016	2017
·	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
PAR Givings	200,595	193,145	190,000
Envelopes	128,453	119,916	120,000
Stock Donations	26,343	16,614	17,000
Fund-Raising/Loose/Concerts	11,741	10,576	15,000
Special Givings - Operations	4,344	16,067	2,000
Use of Church	139,548	161,525	160,000
Trustees	22,800	19,841	20,000
HST Rebate	7,771	5,944	6,000
Solar Revenue	6,998	6,307	7,000
Subtotal – Operating Revenues	548,593	549,935	537,000
Special Donation		75,843	551,555
Transfer from Capital to fund cost of Minister sabbatical & guest ministers		33,802	
Capital Receipts		10,175	
Receipts for Outreach & other initiatives – see note 1		39,717	
Total Sources of Funds	548,593	709,472	537,000
Expenditures			
Payroll	322,515	342,828	380,750
Overtime funded by Renters	18,957	15,002	15,000
Overtime not funded by Renters	703	24	100
Overtime funded by Church groups	2,605	939	1,000
Guest Ministers	3,450	2,250	1,000
Utilities	37,989	29,965	35,000
Property	38,940	35,862	30,000
Mission and Service	7,069	11,090	11,000
Presbytery Assessment	16,813	16,930	16,800
Office	26,121	23,921	22,000
Music (includes cost of soloists)	23,702	28,947	30,000
Christian Development	1,257	4,939	2,200
Worship	2,679	6,193	5,000
Congregational Development	2,808	4,556	3,200
Stewardship & Finance	27,973	28,013	10,330
Pastoral Care	125	342	1,000
Elders	0	0	200
Concert expenses	1,667	3,546	2,600
Board	514	0	0
Ministry & Personnel	600	1,739	1,200
Solar Equipment Depreciation	5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal Operating Expenses	541,487	562,086	573,380
Operating Surplus/Deficit	7,106	-12,151	-36,380
Supply for Sabbatical		32,802	
Transfers to HFs for Outreach, Capital, etc.		49,892	
Total Expenditures and Transfers to HFs	541,487	644,780	573,380
Overall Surplus	7,106	64,692	-36,380

HOLDING FUND	As of Dec. 31/15	Receipts	Expenditures	As of Dec. 31/16
HF - Memorial Fund	32,977	2,215	0	35,192
HF – Long Term	3,752	0	0	3,752
Maintenance				
HF - Security Project	7,232	0	0	7,232
HF - Wedding	300		300	0
Deposits				
HF - Capital	141,201	10,175	88,486	62,890
Campaign - see note				
1	100 000	1.4.200		116000
HF - Capital Funds	102,000	14,288	0	116,288
with Trustees	2.620	5,000	4.040	3 (00
HF – Soloist	3,620	5,000	4,940	3,680
HF - Music	9,876	4 214	20.220	9,876
HF – Flood Insurance	22,293	4,214	29,229	-2,722
Receipts and Repairs	926	400	0	1 226
HF - New Lighting	826	400	0	1,226
HF – Sanctuary Windows	18,778	0	0	18,778
HF – Observer	0	1,125	1,125	0
HF – Steed Hall	500	500	0	1,000
HF – UCW/Misc.	0	1,774	1,774	0
Outreach Donations				
HF - Camp Scugog	0	4,673	4,673	0
HF – Sparrow Lake	0	1,415	1,415	0
HF – UCF Out of the	598	200	45	753
Cold				
HF - Water Well	7,867	9,893	15,345	2,415
HF - Benevolent Fund	2,476	185	300	2,361
HF - White Gift	10	1,428	1,428	10
HF - Youth without	966	3,810	2,886	1,890
Shelter				
HF - Leprosy	0	4,583	4,583	0
HF - Outreach -	0	5,000	5,000	0
includes African				
Business Women				
HF - Syrian Relief	100	70	170	0
HF - ScotiaBank walk	0	2,173	2,100	73
Total Outreach	12,017	33,430	37,945	7,502
Total Holding Funds	355,372	73,121	163,799	264,694

### Notes:

1. See separate Capital Campaign report for details of Capital receipts and expenditures

Total Funds received as of December 31, 2015			478,692
Funds Received in 2016			10,175
Total Funds Available as of Dec. 31, 2016			488,867
Allocations		Funds Spent	Funds Available
Ministry and Stewardship (42% allocation)			205,324
	2013	75,159	
	2014	50,987	
	2015	524	
4	2016	47,619	
Funds Remaining			31,035
Capital Improvements (33% allocation)			161,326
	2013	33,370	
	2014	28,835	
	2015	0	
	2016	19,367	
Funds Remaining			79,754
Outreach (25% allocation)	2013		122,217
	2014	17,328	
	2015	15,000	
	2016	21,500	
Funds Remaining			68,389
Total Spent/Total Funds Remaining		309,689	179,178

### **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL**

Peter White, Chair



The responsibilities and tasks of the Ministry and Personnel Team are set out in the Manual 2016 and detailed in several guideline and policy documents of the United Church. At Humber Valley United, this team is responsible for the salaries and benefits component of the overall budget.

These responsibilities are usually conducted within the necessary sense of privacy and confidentially prescribed by church, provincial and federal requirements.

The Work of the team this year consisted of the following:

- Reviewing of job descriptions of all of the staff positions;
- Commenting on the version 11 of the Model job description for a Minister;
- Commenting on the process related to the approval of that position;
- Arguing for the payment of the WSIB payments for all the staff;
- Ensuring that the requests for leave, vacation, continuing education and sick leave are within the allotments of the individual staff, developing the payroll and benefits package of the new budget;
- Delivering mandatory training for staff and promoting good relations amongst the staff;
- Developing the contents and forms for the appointment by Conference and Presbytery of Rev. Irene Ty and Rev. Rick Tamas as supply positions;
- Creating a job description for Carla Sandrin as Communications Coordinator;
- Attending meetings with Presbytery and /or Conference personnel re: staff training, Remits and Financial training and other M and P matters; and
- Responding to requests for information from the Leadership Council.

As Chair, I have had the pleasure of working with Charlotte Browning, (cross appointment with Finance) Constance Crosby, Ted Loewen, Wendy Oliver, Joan Schettler and Deb Turnbull. Gail Cook-Bennett, who served for several years, was a valued member of the Team.

Peter White, Chair

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Welcoming All in a Spirit of Community

Caring for One Another in a Spirit of Love

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

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We offer a warm, open-armed welcome to all who visit. We want to make you part of our family, share our time and space with you, and make you feel like you belong here.

THE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CHURCH

The 2016 HVUC Annual Report was designed and prepared by Carla Sandrin.

Many thanks to those who contributed reports, and to Bill Cahoon and John Stevenson,
who supplied many of the photographs. And a big thank you to those who helped with final editing.